Updating of N.R.C. In Assam

2511. DR. SHRIMATI JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Register of Citizenship (NRC), 1951 of Assam is being updated by Government; and

(b) if so, what would be the modus operandi for such upgradation and what is the target date_ for completion of the work;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Forcible Conversion of Muslim Couple

2512. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the 'Times of India", (Calcutta Edition) dated the 7th July, 2000 under the caption [M]we were forcibly converted";

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to verify the complaint that affidavit got signed by VHP was found to be conversion declaration; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take against the VHP, which is bent to violate the religious faiths of minorities and inciting communal tension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An FIR has been registered at the Mograhat, (South 24 Parganas) Police Station under Section 295A/120B of IPC against the culprits.

(c) The activities of all organisations having a bearing on the maintenance of peace and communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.